



Kentucky Environmental Education Council (KEEC)
Special Council Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2023

Meeting Location: Microsoft Teams virtual meeting

Meeting Time: 3:30 p.m. Eastern

Council Members in Attendance: Chair Ryan Green, Vice Chair Sarah Cummins, Ben Allen, Katie Dailinger, Tresine Logsdon, Brad Mitzelfelt, Ashley Wilmes

Absent Members: Dr. Hugh Henry

Staff in Attendance: Wesley Bullock

Others in Attendance: Beth Brinly, Education and Labor Cabinet Deputy Secretary, and Tess Russell, Education and Labor Cabinet Attorney

A. Introduction

1. The meeting was called to order by R. Green at 3:32 PM.
2. W. Bullock confirmed that public notice of the council meeting was given, as required by open meetings law.
3. Quorum. Of the eight council members, seven were present. Council operating policies require greater than 50%, so the number of quorum was met.

B. Council Business

1. Personnel matter regarding board staff. If needed, appointment of board staff.

Motion to Enter Closed Session: ⇨ At 3:34 PM, R. Green moved that the Kentucky Environmental Education Council go into closed Executive Session for the purposes of engaging in discussions that may lead to the dismissal of an employee and if needed, the appointment of an employee. S. Cummins seconded. All were in favor; none were opposed. The motion passed.

The motion having been made and seconded for the Kentucky Environmental Education Council to go into closed Executive Session, and with enough members present to form a quorum. Therefore, pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f), the Kentucky Open Meetings Act, the Board retired into closed Executive Session. The specific justification under the Kentucky Open Meetings Act for this action is that there will be discussions that may lead to the dismissal of an employee and if needed, the appointment of an employee.

2. At 3:35 PM, council entered closed session, per KRS 61.810(1)(f).
3. At 4:23 PM, council exited closed session.

Motion to Discontinue Services of Current KEEC Executive Director: ⇨ At 4:24 PM, R. Green moved to discontinue the services of the current Kentucky Environmental Education Council Executive Director, Billy Bennett. S. Cummins seconded. All were in favor; none were opposed. The motion passed.

Motion to Appoint W. Bullock as Interim Executive Director: ⇨ At 4:24 PM, R. Green moved to appoint W. Bullock as interim Executive Director of the Kentucky Environmental Education Council. T. Logsdon seconded. All were in favor; none were opposed. The motion passed.

C. Council meeting adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: ⇨ At 4:29 PM, B. Mitzelfelt moved to adjourn. B. Allen seconded. All were in favor; none were opposed. The motion passed.